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NO. 1.]

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The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated, by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received, to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message; and while this Company will, as heretofore, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages, beyond an amount exceeding five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message; nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unrepeatable messages from whatever cause they may arise, nor for delays arising from interruptions in the working of its Telegraphs, nor for any mistake or omission of any other Company, over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission, subject to the above conditions.

A. STAGER, Gen. Sup't, Cleveland, Ohio.

I. R. ELWOOD, Sec'y, Rochester, N. Y.

To *Jefferson Patterson* *Dayton Feb 17th 1862*
By *Telegraph from* *Mumfordsville Ky 1862*

Send me twenty (20)

Dollars by Adams Express to Mumfordsville

Print W. S. Patterson
1st Reg. O. V.